**Links to Research Christmas During the Wars**

***When did we start celebrating Christmas in America?***

After the American Revolution, English customs fell out of favor, including Christmas. In fact, Congress was in session on **December 25, 1789**, the first Christmas under America's new constitution. Christmas wasn't declared a federal holiday until June 26, 1870.

**Revolutionary War**:

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[www.history.com/this-day-in-history/washington-crosses-the-dela**war**e](http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/washington-crosses-the-delaware)

<http://militaryhistorynow.com/2015/12/16/the-war-on-christmas-15-famous-battles-that-were-fought-over-the-holidays/>

**War of 1812:**

<http://www.sfasu.edu/heritagecenter/6852.asp>

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/war-of-1812-ends>

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**The Civil War**

[http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/on-the-homefront/culture/christmas-during-the-civil-war.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/#](http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/on-the-homefront/culture/christmas-during-the-civil-war.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_in_the_American_Civil_War> (This is Wikipedia but seems ok.)

<http://civilwarsaga.com/christmas-during-the-civil-war/>

<http://www.librarypoint.org/civil_war_christmas>

<http://militaryhistorynow.com/2015/12/16/the-war-on-christmas-15-famous-battles-that-were-fought-over-the-holidays/>

**World War I**

<http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-i/christmas-truce-of-1914>

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<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/trenches.htm>

<http://militaryhistorynow.com/2015/12/16/the-war-on-christmas-15-famous-battles-that-were-fought-over-the-holidays/>

**World War 2**

[**www**.national**ww2**museum.org/learn/.../**ww2**.../at.../**christmas**-on-the-home-front.html](http://www.nationalww2museum.org/learn/.../ww2.../at.../christmas-on-the-home-front.html)

<http://www.axpow.org/christmasduringwwii.htm>

<http://www.sarahsundin.com/christmas-in-world-war-ii-the-home-front-3/>

<http://www.merkki.com/christmas_and_world_war_ii.htm>

**Korean War**

<http://www.stripes.com/news/veterans/an-unforgettable-christmas-eve-midnight-mass-during-the-korean-war-1.385850>

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<http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2014/12/christmas-in-north-korea-1950-113782>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/news/1965/dec/09/leadersandreply.mainsection>

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<http://tcvvm.org/project/christmas-in-vietnam/>